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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Shred-it will be at our office on Oct 11. *See page 2.*
- * Firefighter Chili Cookoff on October 25. *See page 2.*
- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

I attended Porch Fest, an event held by the Vista del Rio Homeowner's association this weekend.

It didn't take closing down streets or a bunch of cash. It took a few dedicated folks who organized a big neighborhood party.

It was an impressive showing, complete with musicians, food trucks and most importantly, about 200 neighbors meeting their neighbors.

The people in Vista del Rio got the idea from Armory Park, the historic neighborhood just south of Downtown. It's been a success there for a couple of years.

I hope to see more of our Ward 2 neighborhoods put on events like this. If anyone wants advice, feel free to call the office.

One of my frustrations has been Restaurant Row. When I was growing up, the mile running down Tanque Verde from Wilmot towards Grant/Kolb was a happening spot full of bars and restaurants. Several have closed recently. Some

of this was due to the revitalization of Downtown and more choices elsewhere. Whatever the reason, we now have empty store fronts where our neighbors once ate, drank and celebrated.

It's a problem. A vacancy here and there will inevitably happen, and is even welcome since it is a place for new businesses to move in. However, too many result in businesses wanting to leave and is a deterrent to new businesses moving in. New business, especially in the hospitality industry, wants to go where things are happening. I don't know if we are near that point, but I'd rather nip it in the bud before we get close to it.

I met with some people from the city's economic development team to discuss options. Many people are under the impression that Downtown revitalization was started by some break the city offered businesses. There were some breaks offered, but many of them (such as easing up on parking requirements) are more practical for a dense

Downtown than along a suburban strip. Much of the support you see given to Downtown merchants, such as security and marketing, is provided through a special taxing district. They agreed to tax themselves for it. Again, it might not be practical to do that in our area.

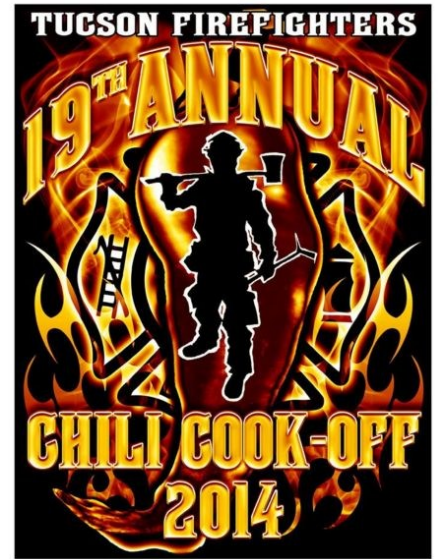
Like I said, we had a meeting and the people from city staff will come back to me with a list of proposals. I also plan on having a "town hall" meeting with merchants in the area to see what will work.

In the meantime, make sure to patronize a Restaurant Row establishment yourself. They will appreciate the support. Tell them Paul sent you.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Your firefighters would like to invite you and your family to come have a great time at our 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This year we have moved location and date, October 25th 10 am-10 pm at the Bandshell in Reid Park. We are raising money for the IAFF Local 479 Adopt-A-Family Charity. The proceeds raised will benefit local families during the holidays.

If you would like to have a chili booth, IAFF still has a few spots open. IAFF is always looking for businesses or organizations to sponsor our event. If you need any further information email Sloan Tamietti at RSTamietti@gmail.com or check the IAFF webpage iafflocal479.org Come on out and help make this event a success and have fun at the same time.



SHRED IT

Our next semi-annual community shred will be on Saturday, October 11. Bring your documents to our office at 7575 E Speedway to be securely shredded between 8 and 11:30 am, or until the last truck fills up. Because space in the truck will be limited, we are asking that you bring no more than six boxes.

Shredding your first box is free, but we are asking that if you bring additional boxes that you make a donation to Sunnyside School District Interscholastic Athletics. We are asking for a \$5 donation per box after the first.

THE SUN IS COMING TO TUSD

Tucson Unified School District's Governing Board has authorized the construction of solar electric systems at 40 plus District schools and facilities (including Whitmore Elementary). The systems will be provided at no cost to the District. Solar panels will be integrated onto shade structures and located at functional and cost-effective places, primarily playgrounds and parking lots.

To learn more about the solar shade structures to be installed at our schools attend a community presentation on:

Wednesday, October 15

Lee Instructional Resource Center (L.I.R.C.)

2025 E. Winsett Street, Tucson, AZ 85719

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Block Party: The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. The party will run from 10 am—2pm at the corner of Broadway and Houghton. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

Broadway Intersection Improvements: The scheduled completion date is October 20, 2014 (adjusted to include rain days). We have completed the first lifts of asphalt throughout the entire project area.

We have reduced the number of barricades on site to make the drive through the area a little less confusing, until we get the final rubberized asphalt down. We made daily adjustments to barricades as those final dirt areas were covered with asphalt. We appreciate your patience.

There is a high demand for the rubberized asphalt in town, and our paving days for those were originally October 16 to 21 "tentatively". This may change by a day or two in either direction depending on the availability of rubberized asphalt for all the projects throughout town that need it. We estimate it may be October 20 to 24 at this point in time. We will keep you updated.

Once the rubberized asphalt is down, we will install temporary striping (at night) and remove the barricades. After the rubberized asphalt has set up for 30 days, we will bring in the final thermoplastic (reflective) striping.

The final irrigation and landscaping work is still going on, so please be careful driving near our landscapers as they work.

The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. Please see the attached flyer for all the details. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: The contractor has started the demolition, clearing, and grading on this project. As you may have noticed, the construction trailers have been relocated to Houghton between Golf Links and Old Spanish Trail, on the west side of the road. Thanks to Mr. Joe Yee for providing this location opportunity to our contractors.

It is estimated that this project will take four months to complete. Specifically, we anticipate it will take two months to complete the paving for the parking, roadway, and bus drop-off/pickup areas, and two months to wait for the arrival and installation of the bus drivers' building.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is wrapping up. We hope to have road construction started at the end of October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Utilities: Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and is 90% complete, with only removal of old pipe left to finish.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP overhead, and Diversified will be performing the underground work. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 85% complete on the distribution lines, and 80% complete with their underground work. Some of the delay on this is due to access to properties where right of way is being negotiated.

Kleven was relocating for Century Link and their work is completed.

Cox and Time Warner lines are still on the old TEP poles that need to come down, and we are working with them to try and get their relocations completed.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean. We have also asked them to be respectful of private property, even in areas where the utilities have easements with the homeowners.

Stakeholder concerns and public outreach: We have received calls and letters complaining about the installation of streetlights along portions of the Houghton Corridor. We are planning to have an open house meeting before the end of the year to discuss this concern, and we are looking for an appropriate venue to schedule the event. This issue spans the entire corridor, and affects people in both Ward 2 and Ward 4, so we will be including both in our open house. We would also like to introduce the public to our new artist team for the Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street project, and discuss any construction phasing information regarding that project.

For those of you on our Citizen advisory groups, Citizen Design Review Committees (CDRCs) for each ward office, we will be scheduling meetings in the next few weeks to bring some of the Open House information to you, as well as address our normal agenda items. We will get those dates out to you as soon as we schedule the meetings.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Buckelew Farms: The seniors of the Eastside Senior Club will have an opportunity to attend a field trip to the Buckelew Farms on Thursday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Halloween: A field trip to the Freedom Center Halloween Party will be offered to senior club members on Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. The party will include music, dancing, costume contest, lots of fun and food.

Signs ups for the above mentioned events are taken at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition; 791-4121.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall Leisure Classes: The Tucson Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of fun classes including Pottery, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry Making, Photography, Gymnastics, and lots more. Fall Leisure Classes run August 24, 2014 through November 29, 2014. Registration for session I ended August 19, 2014. The deadline to register for Session II ends Tuesday, October 14.

The Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog can be picked up at any of Parks and Recreation facilities, all Wendy's locations in the City, and in many of the local libraries. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

The Spring 2015 issue of the Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available on Monday, November 10, 2014 at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Therapeutics Programming: The Tucson Parks and Recreation, Therapeutics Division (1000 S. Randolph Way) will host Down Syndrome monthly support groups for parents every second Wednesday of each month. The meetings take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 747-2556.

Boo Bash: The Boo Bash event will take place at the Clement Center, 8155 E Poinciana Drive on October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will include haunted house, carnival games, face painting, and a haunted hay ride. The cost is \$3.00.

9th Annual Family Festival: The 9th Annual Family Festival is scheduled for Reid Park on November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free family event will include games, displays, demonstrations, entertainment and more.

Fall Swim Schedule: The Fall schedule is now in affect and began July 31, 2014. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

